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1. The reply brief filed 3/5/01 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Appellants demand to reopen prosecution is not well taken. The Examiner's Answer mailed 2/26/01 is a "substitute" for the Answer mailed 01/03/01 which was an incomplete draft mailed in error.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to William Pierce at E-mail address bill.pierce@USPTO.gov or at telephone number (703) 308-3551.



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